(d) whether it is a fact that PMP has not been compiled in number of cases;

(e) if so, the details of Bulk drugs and names of producers of each drug where PMP has not been compiled; and

(f) what are the reasons for non-compliance and what action has been taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and b) The names of bulk drugs whose production if being monitored by the Monitoring Cell, consisting of one Joint Director, one Senior Investigater and one LDC, are available in the Annual Report of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals placed in the Parliament Library.

(c) to (f) An inter-ministerial technical committee set up in 1987 has laid down the basic stages of manufacture for bulk drugs as well as relaxations, where required, taking into consideration factors such as level of indigenous technology, economic viability etc. All proposals for manufacture of bulk drugs since cleared have been permitted only from prescribed stages. Since there are a large number of bulk drugs the time and effort required to collect this voluminous information is not commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Bulk drugs in the basket of wholesale price Index

3793. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs which are in the basket of wholesale price index and what were their prices in August, 1987;

(b) what was their domestic production and imports from 1987-88 till date and domestic prices and landed cost of imports;

(c) whether the usage of these drugs have declined due to obscle cence but no care has been taken to update the basket of drugs; and

(d) Streptomycin, Tetracycline and Penicillin are no longer the drugs of choice why they have been kept in the wholesale index basket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: (*a*) Chloramphernicol is the only bulk drug which is in the basket of Wholesale Price Index. The notified price of Chloramphenicol Powder as prevailing in August, 1987 was Rs. 1035/-per kg.

(*b*) The requisite information, to the extent available, is given in the annexed Statement.

(*c*) *and* (*d*) As already stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3048 answered on 19-12-1991 that currently operated. Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series with base year 1981-82 was compiled on the basis of the recommendations made by a Special Group set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangrajan, the then Dy. Governor of Reserve Bank of India. Preparatory work for review of existing W.P.I. series has been initiated by the Ministry of Industry.

Statement

Sl. No.	Year	Name of the Product	Indigenous Production in organised Sector (MTS)	Notified Price (Rs.)	Qty. Imported (MTS)	Total c.i.f. value (Rs. in lacs)
1	1987-88	Chloramphenicol Powder	94.64	1035	0.40	1.95
2	1988-89	Chloramphenicol Powder	2.84	1035	N.A.	N.A.
3	1989-90	Chloramphenicol Powder	100.26	1110 (11.8.89)	2.22	14.26
4	1990-91	Chloramphenicol Powder	N.A.	1133 (8.6.90)	2.95	23.42
		Chloramphenicol Powder	N.A.	1800 (23.10.90)	—	—